

REMARKS

Pending Claims

Claims 1-4 and 6-8 are pending. Claim 5 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 1, 3, and 6 have been amended.

Claim Objections

Claims 1, 3, and 5 are objected to for informalities. Claims 1 and 3 have been amended to correct the informalities as suggested by the Examiner. Claim 5 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 1-3, 7, and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Wada, JP 11-0210952 (Wada), in view of JP 7-35212 (JP'212). Claim 4 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Wada in view of JP 7-35212 as applied to claim 1-3, 7 and 8 above, and further in view of Nagata et al, JP 2001-055760.

The Examiner has indicated that claims 5 and 6 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, applicants have amended claim 1 to include the limitations of claim 5. Each of dependent claims 2-4 and 6-8 depend from amended base claim 1. Accordingly claims 2-4 and 6-8 should be allowed with claim 1.

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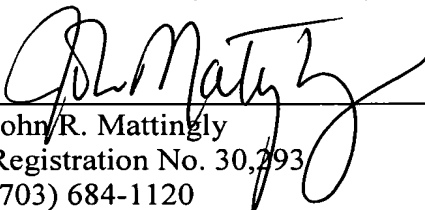
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Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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